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1. ON JAN 21, CONSUL PRESENTED TO MFA CONSULAR DEPARTMENT (HAITS) DRAFT NOTE CONTAINING USG PROPOSAL FOR RECIPROCAL ISSUANCE OF ONE-YEAR/MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS TO U.S. AND HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATIC OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS NEEDING TO VISIT EACH OTHER'S COUNTRIES ON REPEATED TDY OFFICIAL BUSINESS. DRAFT NOTE TEXT IN PARA 6 BELOW.

2. IN ORAL REMARKS CONSUL SAID U.S. WOULD ATTACH CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE TO AGREEMENT, IF REACHED, BECAUSE OF (A) CSCE, (B) MUTUAL BENEFIT AND CONVENIENCE, AND (C) AS A DISTINCTLY TANGIBLE MANIFESTATION OF IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONS. CONSUL RECOMMENDED THAT IN EVENT GOH ACCEPTS PROPOSAL, MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS BE STAMPED IN PASSPORTS BY HUNGARIAN VISA-ISSUING POSTS ABROAD RATHER THAN, AS AT PRESENT FOR DIPLOMATS/OFFICIALS PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED, BY MFA BUDAPEST AFTER ENTRY ON INITIAL SINGLE-ENTRY VISAS.

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3. AFTER READING OVER EMBASSY-PREPARED HUNGARIAN TRANSLATION OF PROPOSAL, HAITS REMARKED THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BREAK NEW GROUND FOR GOH INASMUCH AS ITS GENERAL REGULATORY OR LEGAL PRACTICE HITHERTO HAS BEEN TO ISSUE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ONLY SINGLE-ENTRY VISAS VALID FOR USE WITHIN SIX MONTHS. HAITS SAID GOH HAS, OTHER THAN FOR "ACCREDITED" OFFICIALS, ISSUED MULTIPLE ENTRIES AND/OR VISAS VALID FOR

LONGER THAN SIX MONTHS ONLY IN CASES OF INDIVIDUAL JUSTIFICATION AND NEED, SUCH AS FOREIGN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK DRIVERS AND PARTICULAR BUSINESSMEN. CONSUL POINTED OUT THAT OUR PRESENT PROPOSAL WAS CAREFULLY INTEGRATED WITH LAST YEAR'S AGREEMENT ON SEVEN-DAY VISA ISSUANCE, WHICH AGREEMENT DOES NOT ADDRESS ACCREDITATION PER SE BUT RATHER PROVIDES FACILITATION TO DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS TRAVELING FOR SPECIFIED PURPOSES (A, G, AND C-3). HAITS COMMENTED THAT SHOULD GOH AGREE TO PROPOSAL, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH ITS BEING ABLE TO ISSUE MULTIPLE ENTRIES AT POINT OF APPLICATION.

4. CONSUL EXPRESSED USG WILLINGNESS TO AGREE EITHER VERBALLY OR IN WRITING, AS GOH PREFERS, AND POINTED OUT PROPOSAL REQUIREMENT THAT APPLICATIONS FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES CONTAIN STATEMENT OF NEED TO TRAVEL REPEATEDLY FOR OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

5. HAITS PROMISED CAREFUL GOH CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL AND A REPLY IN DUE COURSE.

6. DRAFT NOTE TEXT FOLLOWS: QUOTE (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING) ... AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE MINISTRY OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON BILATERAL VISA FACILITATION.

(A) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IS PREPARED, IN RETURN FOR RECIPROCAL TREATMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF U.S.
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DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS COMING TEMPORARILY TO OR TRANSITING HUNGARY, TO NORMALLY ISSUE IN SEVEN DAYS FROM THE DATE VISA APPLICATIONS ARE PRESENTED TO A U.S. VISA-ISSUEING OFFICE, NONIMMIGRANT VISAS VALID FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES DURING PERIODS OF UP TO ONE YEAR TO HUNGARIAN DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS (AS DEFINED IN THE U.S.-HUNGARY APR 7, 1976, AGREEMENT ON VISA FACILITATION) WHO ARE TRAVELING TEMPORARILY TO OR TRANSITING THE UNITED STATES. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL ISSUE MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS TO SUCH HUNGARIAN PASSPORT HOLDERS WHEN REQUESTED TO DO SO, PREFERABLY BY NOTE, AS A PART OF THE VISA APPLICATION. APPLICATIONS REQUESTING MULTIPLE ENTRIES SHOULD INCLUDE AN INDICATION OF THE PERIOD (UP TO ONE YEAR) FOR WHICH IT IS REQUESTED THE VISA BE VALID, AND A STATEMENT THAT MULTIPLE ENTRIES ARE SOUGHT SINCE THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HUNGARIAN PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC EXPECTS THAT THE VISA HOLDER WILL HAVE OCCASION TO TRAVEL REPEATEDLY TO OR THROUGH THE UNITED STATES ON OFFICIAL HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT BUSINESS.

(B) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NOTES THAT UNDER THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENT HUNGARIAN AND U.S.
DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORT HOLDERS (AS DEFINED IN THE
APR 7, 1976, AGREEMENT), WHO HAVE OCCASION TO VISIT OR
TRANSIT EACH OTHER'S COUNTRIES REPEATEDLY ON OFFICIAL
BUSINESS, WILL ENJOY, UPON REQUEST, VISA PRIVILEGES SIMI-
LAR TO THOSE ALREADY AVAILABLE TO HUNGARIAN AND UNITED
STATES DIPLOMATS AND OFFICIALS ASSIGNED TO EACH OTHER'S
COUNTRIES FOR FULL TOURS OF DUTY -- VISAS VALID FOR MUL-
TIPLE ENTRIES DURING PERIODS OF UP TO ONE YEAR.

(C) THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
REMAINS WILLING, AS BEFORE, ON A BASIS OF RECIPROCITY,
TO NORMALLY ISSUE SINGLE-ENTRY OR DOUBLE-ENTRY VISAS UNDER
THE APR 7, 1976, AGREEMENT IN LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS, EVEN
IMMEDIATELY, WHEN URGENCY IS SPECIFIED AT THE TIME OF
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VISA APPLICATION AND TRAVEL DATA ARE PROVIDED. (COMPLI-
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